

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace paragraph 4 on page 5 with the following amended paragraph.

A remote switch monitoring system 100 in accordance with the principles of the present invention provides information for use by an end-user such as a telecommunications service provider. The remote switch monitoring system 100 monitors traffic between a remote switching module 102 and a host switch 104 through a monitor connection ~~405~~ and provides traffic information related to the umbilical link 106. In particular, the remote switch monitoring system 100, segregates calls between the publicly switched telephone network (PSTN) and the remote switching module (RSM) to provide reports to an end-user regarding the inter-PSTN/RSM call traffic. The host switch 104 is connected through one or more trunks 105 to the publicly switched telephone network. The remote switching module 102 may, in fact be a cluster of remote switches each of which includes features, such as 911service, but all of which rely upon a host switch 104 for automatic message accounting.